

Brookings County 4-H

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A summer of 4-H amidst the Covid-19 Era has come to an end. Considerable time was spent on making plans in order to hold events, and things went very well. We will use what we have learned and apply to the future if needed.

Currently, members of the Brookings County Extension Office have been exposed to Covid-19 and are working from home. I was planning to attend the September 22, 2020 meeting but will still be quarantining

State Livestock Judging & Skill-a-thon – Taking place on the campus of SDSU on September 18 & 19. Brookings County has 13 youth that will be judging on Saturday.

Summer 4-H Shooting Sports – A shorter muzzle loader and shotgun seasons were held at both Beacon Hill and the Brookings Gun Club. The Fall State 4-H Shoot was held on September 12 & 13 in Mitchell, SD.

- Shotgun, Trap division
 - 8 Brookings County shooters
- Shotgun, Sporting Clays division
 - Joe Hornick, 2nd place senior division
 - 6 additional Brookings County shooters
- Shotgun, Skeet division
 - 3 Brookings County shooters
- Muzzleloading, Bottles
 - Preston Singrey, 1st place junior
 - Elizabeth Shultz, 2nd place senior
 - Dylan Singrey, 3rd place senior
- Muzzleloading, Critters
 - Preston Singrey, 2nd place junior
 - Dylan Singrey, 1st place senior
 - Elizabeth Shultz, 2nd place senior
- Muzzleloading, Bullseye
 - Preston Singrey, 1st place junior
 - Elizabeth Shultz, 1st place senior
 - Dylan Singrey, 3rd place senior
- 2021 Muzzleloading National team members – the team that qualified for the 2020 National 4-H Shoot were not able to participate at the 2020 shoot was cancelled. Elizabeth and Dylan were both planning on participating in 2020 and have secured their spot again for 2021.
 - Elizabeth Shultz
 - Dylan Singrey

Brookings County 4-H Horse Show at the Swiftel Center – July 28 – 10 exhibitors, 1 virtual exhibitor.

Groups were limited in size to 15 or less in July. Exhibitors made their trailers a home base and the exhibitor and parents were asked to leave the holding barn/ring once the individual had completed their

class. Participants and their parents were very respectful of the Covid-19 protocols. The State 4-H Horse Show was re-scheduled to August 29 – 30 in Huron; 2 Brookings County 4-H members participated.

Special Foods Contest – 31 youth made recipes that provided a serving from MyPlate (fruit, vegetables, protein, grain, dairy). The contest was held virtually consisting of 2 interactive Zoom sessions between the 4-H member and the judge. One of the Zoom sessions allowed for the completion of the nutrition interview, and the second Zoom interview consisted of a technique demonstration (4-H member measured a solid, a liquid, and a teaspoon/tablespoon) presented by the member to the judge, there were questions asked relevant to the exhibitors recipe and food safety, and the final portion of the Zoom session focused on the table setting that the member had prepared and photographed in advance. A very different way of conducting this Youth in Action contest, but a very successful contest. The contest took place over 6 days.

Fashion Revue Contest – The contest was held at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Two panels of judges evaluated over 22 outfits modeled by 4-H members and Cloverbuds. There was no public style show but the exhibitors were featured on our Brookings County 4-H Facebook page. All exhibitors were allowed to register for fashion revue at the State Fair, but only senior 4-H members (ages 14-18) competed in person. All other members submitted their entry virtually.

Public Presentation Contest – 13 public presentations were given to a panel of judges at the Brookings County Outdoor Adventure Center. Topics included music, gardening, hobbies, travel, and beef – to name a few. Three youth gave their presentations during the State Fair.

Achievement Days –

- 405 display exhibits were judged at the Swiftel Center. This year, exhibitors were limited to 10 display exhibits in order to keep youth within a scheduled time frame in order to maintain our group size to the allowed number for our August events.
 - Largest project areas include:
 - Clothing (38)
 - Foods & Nutrition/Food Preservation (26)
 - Home Environment (63)
 - Horticulture (34)
 - Photography (79)
 - Visual Arts (89)
- 233 animal exhibits were judged during achievement days. Exhibitors were limited to 5 large animal entries (beef, dairy cattle, dairy goat, meat goat, sheep) and 5 small animal entries (companion animal, rabbit, poultry)
 - Beef (33)
 - Companion Animal (13)
 - Dairy Cattle (2)
 - Dairy Goat (8)
 - Meat Goats (27)
 - Poultry (32)
 - Rabbit (32)
 - Sheep (44)

- Swine (36)

State Fair

- Covid-19 modifications on the State Fair allowed youth to enter 2 display exhibits, and 2 animals per specie. Display exhibits were on display in county booths, but exhibits were not judged unless the 4-H member was in their last year of 4-H. Youth in Action contests were open to all age divisions, but only senior aged 4-H members (14-18) competed in person. Other age divisions took part in their respective contest(s) virtually.
- 100 animal exhibits housed on the fairgrounds
 - Beef (22)
 - Companion Animal (1)
 - Dairy Cattle (1)
 - Dairy Goat (6)
 - Meat Goats (21)
 - Poultry (5)
 - Rabbit (9)
 - Sheep (15)
 - Swine (21)

Winter Shooting Sports:

- The 4-H Shooting Sports instructors will begin making plans for the 2021 season the end of September with discussion focusing on the Covid-19 protocols in accordance with SDSU, SDSU Extension, and SD 4-H.

4-H Year concludes on September 30 and the new 4-H year begins on October 1.

4-H Year	Enrolled 4-H Members	Registered 4-H Volunteers
2019 - 2020	316	71
2018 – 2019	348	69
2017 – 2018	322	64
2016 – 2017	318	50
2015 – 2016	327	55

National 4-H Week is October 4 – 10. This year's theme *Opportunity 4 All*

Recognition Event

We are working on plans to hold our annual 4-H Recognition Event to highlight the achievements of our 4-H members. Once again, Covid-19 protocols will be followed.